



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed."  
~ Henrik Ibsen

September 3, 2014

## Lotus Festival - Sept. 20

The Lotus World Music & Arts Festival is Bloomington's premier music event, comprised of seven venues that showcase world music of the highest caliber. Lotus is looking for enthusiastic volunteers for Saturday evening, Sept. 20, in a variety of positions, such as checking wristbands and selling merchandise during the festival, and volunteering for the late night shift after the festival - doing things like tearing down tents, loading, and cleaning up. In exchange, volunteers get to attend the festival for free on Friday night. Play hard one night, work hard the next! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Tamara Loewenthal at (812) 337-0417 or [tamara@lotusfest.org](mailto:tamara@lotusfest.org). ([www.lotusfest.org](http://www.lotusfest.org))

## Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome - Oct. 5

Join Down Syndrome Family Connection for the annual Buddy Walk on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. They will have fun for the whole family before and after the walk, with live music, a carnival area, and more. Assistance is needed with planning and marketing, then with set-up (10 a.m.-1 p.m.), registration (1-4 p.m.), refreshments (10 a.m.-1 p.m.), carnival area (1-4 p.m.), walk route cheerleaders (2:30-4 p.m.) and clean-up (4-7 p.m.). Minimum age is 16. Please contact Cyndi Johnson at [cyndi@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](mailto:cyndi@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org). ([www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](http://www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org))

## Set-up Crew for Scavenger Hunt Display - Oct. 5

Help the Bloomington Volunteer Network prepare its emergency preparedness activity for Open Streets Bloomington! The Network is seeking several creative, artistic people to decorate the inside of their large scavenger-hunt-style display. Volunteers will design and make a fake house with fake appliances - about the size of a couple of tents - which will help with their simulation of the first moments after a disaster strikes. They also need strong, quick volunteers to help with setting up and tearing down the display on Oct. 5, the day of the event, as there are only 30 minutes allowed for this. Minimum age is 18; 15 if with an adult. Please contact Antonya Wallace at [wallacea@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:wallacea@bloomington.in.gov) or (812)349-3835. ([www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer))

## Caring Companions

Older people, and those with disabilities who are living independently, are challenged to do seemingly easy tasks as they age. Volunteers are needed to stop in to check on them weekly or bi-weekly for about 30 minutes, help with miscellaneous small tasks from housekeeping to conversation, and be a friend. The RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program strives to match volunteers with clients who live close by. Each volunteer determines what types of activities he or she wishes to do for the homebound senior. On-going support and training are provided to Caring Companion volunteers. Scheduling is flexible; each volunteer is asked to give a minimum of 30 minutes twice per month. Minimum age is 16; no minimum if with an adult. Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 ext. 523 or [rsvp@area10agency.org](mailto:rsvp@area10agency.org). ([www.area10agency.org/rsvp](http://www.area10agency.org/rsvp))

## Music Therapy with Hospice Patients

SouthernCare Hospice is seeking volunteers to play music or lead musical activities in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Facilities will provide a piano, but you are welcome to bring your own instrument if you choose. All activities are scheduled with the facilities ahead of time. Minimum age is 16. If you would like to share your musical talent with their patients and the other residents, please contact Abbey Bucy at (812) 334-8343 or [abbey.bucy@southerncareinc.com](mailto:abbey.bucy@southerncareinc.com). ([www.southerncareinc.com](http://www.southerncareinc.com))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Provides healthy, wholesome food to anyone in need, as well as gardening and nutrition education, in ways that build community. To grant a wish, contact Amanda Nickey at (812) 355-6843 or [mhc@mhcfoodpantry.org](mailto:mhc@mhcfoodpantry.org). (1100 W. Allen St.; [www.mhcfoodpantry.org](http://www.mhcfoodpantry.org))

**Wishes:** projector, laptop computer, mailing labels, hose caddy for 220 ft. hose, watering cans, garden stakes and trellising, potato masher, pastry brushes, stainless steel skillet with lid

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

